

Minutes

TO: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

FROM: Ben Wenograd, Chairperson

DATE: March 16, 2016

SUBJECT: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

IN ATTENDANCE: Ben Wenograd, Shari Cantor, Chris Barnes, Beth Kerrigan, Ron Van Winkle, Mark McGovern, John Phillips, Kimberly Boneham, Duane Martin, Rick DiBella

The Community Planning and Physical Services Committee met on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 5:30pm, in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. Grassroots, resident Kim Hughes – Town's effort to go organic
The Town will begin using only organic treatments to three playing fields this spring to determine if fields can be maintained using only organic materials. If this proves successful it may be expanded to all town playing fields. A citizen group "Kiss my Grass" also testified on the importance of moving away from chemical treatments.
 2. Complete Streets Annual Report
The Committee received a draft of the annual complete streets report. With some amendments it will be provided to the Town Council in the coming weeks.
 3. I-84 Viaduct
Mark McGovern who sits on the "Citizen Advisory Committee" for the I-84 reconstruction discussed the ongoing planning for the project. Although there are many issues to be evaluated construction is projected to begin in 2020 or 2021.
 4. Affordable Housing
The Committee discussed a draft of a response to the Council request for information on affordable housing need and programs. A final report should be ready for the Committee's April meeting.
 5. UConn
The Committee discussed the draft consultant's report that evaluates the site conditions at the University site and ongoing negotiations the town is having with the University of Connecticut.
- C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors